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► Halifax City striker Dylan Sheehan, No. 10, and Suburban FC's Chris McEachern battle for the ball during the second half of yesterday's EastLink Premiership final at Mainland Common. Suburban FC scored twice in overtime to win 3-1. Story, page 22.

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Suburban FC goes the distance for title

Blast from the past

► Likely time capsule has no external marks on it ► Nothing else of interest discovered at construction site: Estabrooks

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A mysterious dented copper box has been pulled from the rubble of the Queen Elizabeth High School site.

Construction workers recently discovered the box in the building's cornerstone, which means it's most likely a time capsule from 1941, when the school was being built.

"I can't wait to crack that thing open," Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks, a former history teacher, said yesterday.

But before the contents are revealed, the province wants to find former graduates, hopefully some who attended the school in the 1940s, to be there when it's opened.

Estabrooks said the event should take place sometime next month.

"It will be really interesting to see 1941, the war era and Halifax's new high school," he said.

Sue Hughes has a lengthy family tradition when it comes to QEHS. Her parents were seniors at the school in 1942, its inaugural year.



► The found box.

Hughes graduated from there in 1964 and her children are also alumni.

She said she'd like to see evidence in the box of what students and teachers in 1941 thought the world would be like.

"Like I'm sure they didn't even think of television," she said.

Even though the building is now rubble and the Last Chance Reunion of 2007 is long over, the school still has a community. Hughes said she keeps in contact with several of her former classmates.

"It's sad to see it gone, but it was sadder to see it in disarray," she said.

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Dog, owners sought after altercation led to dog's death

Police are looking for a dog, and its owners involved in an incident that led to another dog's death on Monday night.

A woman was walking her small dog on a leash near Eric Graves Memorial Junior High School in Dartmouth at around 5:45 p.m.

Two men and a woman were walking two dogs, one of which was not on a leash.

The off-leash dog got into an "altercation" with the small dog, said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmetter.

The small dog took off, with its owner giving chase, but it didn't end well.

"It resulted in the smaller dog being injured to the point it had to be euthanized," he said.

Police are looking for the woman and the two men who were with the other dog to get their side of the story.

Their dog is described as a red- and short-haired dog that looks like a pit-bull.

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Contact

► Police are asking anyone with information about this incident to call HRM Animal Services at 490-4000.

Sharing their grief

- Condolence books will be taken to Toronto for Saturday's state funeral
- Service is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto



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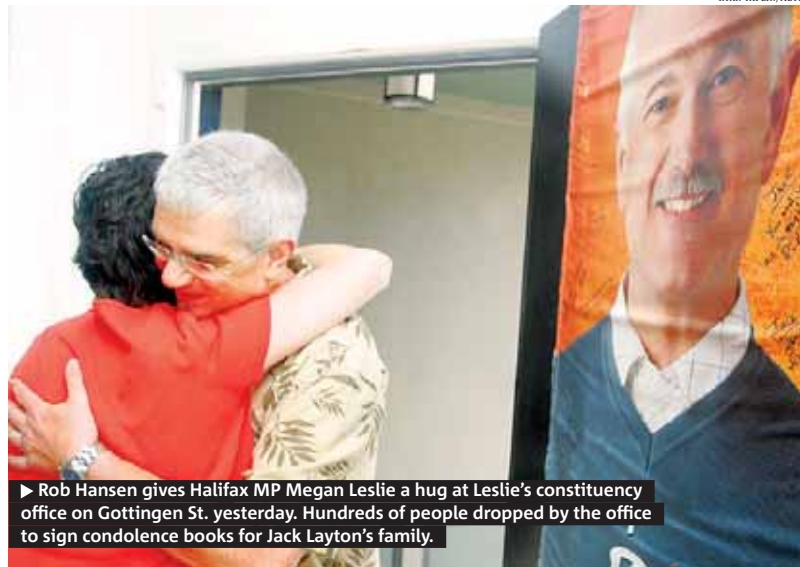
Whether they wore orange or not, people throughout HRM filled up condolence books with their grief over the death of Jack Layton yesterday.

"I don't know a whole lot about politics, I don't follow it a lot, but he was a front-runner so you were aware of him. I just felt he was very compassionate, especially being a political person," said Susan Gilbert who wrote on a poster of Layton at NDP MP Megan Leslie's headquarters on Gottingen Street yesterday. "You want to pay your respects to someone who was such a good leader and who is different than what you would typically get in politics."

People were pouring in to Leslie's office yesterday afternoon, sometimes waiting in line to write in one of two books there. There are several books of condolences open around the municipality, including in the foyer at Province House, at Cole Harbour Place and at Dartmouth North Community Centre.

Hurt hero recovering in hospital

As Halifax's Nicole Williamson lies in bed at the Ottawa Hospital, with



► Rob Hansen gives Halifax MP Megan Leslie a hug at Leslie's constituency office on Gottingen St. yesterday. Hundreds of people dropped by the office to sign condolence books for Jack Layton's family.

nity Centre.

"It's a space of not too many words," Leslie said, while greeting people at the door. "People have been channelling their words in to the condolence books."

A poster of Layton in Leslie's office was covered in scribbles: "Canada won't be the same without you" and "Much love to you and your family."

cuts and bruises on her body she is being praised as a hero. Amid the fiery debris of Saturday's fatal plane crash in Resolute Bay, Nunavut, the 23-year-old Carleton University Masters student selflessly came to the rescue of seven-year-old Gabrielle

Long-time NDP supporter Mike Holmes said stopping by to write down his grief seemed the least he could do.

"In the face of what was about to happen, he was unrelentingly positive (in his letter) and you couldn't help but feel positive. I don't know of many public figures who instil that feeling in people," Holmes said.

Pelky who she found on a rock with a broken leg. "It's amazing they survived such a thing," said RCMP Sgt. Paul Solomon. Now, Williamson is recovering in hospital with images of the tragedy fresh in her mind. "Nicole wishes to

express her deepest gratitude to the members of the Canadian Forces, Operation Nanook, and to the Resolute Bay responders present at the crash site for their efficiency under the circumstances," a family statement said yesterday.

● JOE LOFARO IN OTTAWA

Memorial walk

► There will be a walk in memory of Jack Layton tonight in Halifax, starting at the Public Gardens at 8:30 p.m. It will end at the Nova Scotia legislature, where participants will lay flowers.

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'Decidedly Atlantic' feel to film-fest lineup

► AFF dubs 2011's lineup the 'Festival of Hits' ► Clattenburg, Fitzgerald, Melski, Bush among Halifax directors with offerings in movie showcase



► *Afghan Luke*, directed by Halifax's Mike Clattenburg, will close out this year's Atlantic Film Festival.



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Halifax-produced films will open and close the 31st annual Atlantic Film Festival next month.

The festival's opening night will feature *Roller Town*, the first feature film from "Halifamous" comedy troupe Picnicface. *Roller Town* — tag line: "Disco Didn't Die. It Was Murdered" — is billed as a slapstick parody of the roller-skate movies of the late 1970s.

The film, directed by

Andrew Bush, will make its world premiere at Park Lane and Oxford Theatres on Sept. 15.

Afghan Luke, from Halifax-based director Mike Clattenburg, will close out the festival on Sept. 24. The film chronicles a journalist's attempt to uncover evidence of Canadian snipers mutilating corpses in Afghanistan. And it's being labelled as a comedy.

"After considering almost 1,447 films for this year's program, and 149 from this region alone, you'll see that we built a program that is decidedly

Atlantic," said Lia Rinaldo, festival director, following yesterday morning's lineup launch.

Between those two bookends, a whopping 187 films will be shown in theatres across the city.

Of course, the AFF is more than just movies. Workshops, panel discussions and other special events dot the 10-day festival — not to mention the famous opening gala.

"Red carpets, bubbly flutes, twinkling disco balls. This night, we promise, will take you backwards and inside out," said

Tickets

Tickets for screenings, festival passes and merchandise go on sale Friday at noon at the Festival Box Office at Park Lane Mall.

Rinaldo, noting the party is being held in one of the official sets from *Roller Town*, Olympic Hall. "We're very excited about this night."

The full schedule of films, special events and parties can be found at the AFF's website, atlanticfilm.com.

Nova Scotia still in Irene's path: Forecast

There remains a "fairly good chance" we will be feeling the effects of Hurricane Irene.

Bob Robichaud of the Canadian Hurricane Centre said yesterday most forecast tracks for the storm have it making landfall in Nova Scotia early next week.

The question remains just how strong a storm it will be should it arrive.

"If it makes landfall, it loses about half of its strength within a 12- or 24-hour period," Robichaud said. "So if it stays over land and then comes over New

Brunswick, it might be a blustery day with showers. If it stays over water, then it might be something different."

Robichaud said models show the hurricane making landfall around the Carolinas in the eastern United States on Saturday night. At that point, it's expected to be a Category 3 storm.

Robichaud estimated a possible strike for Nova Scotia could be between late Sunday and Tuesday. He said a more precise forecast will be ready in the coming days. ● PHILIP CROUCHER

WHAT LIVES ON EARTH?

Dalhousie study may close species gap

In the past 250 years, the formal list of named species has grown to include about 1.2 million animals, plants, fungi and other simpler organisms.

But the actual total is much higher, given that new species are still being discovered at a rapid rate, with an average of 6,200 new species catalogued annually in the past 20 years alone.

Trouble is, the latest scientific estimates are less than useful, varying from three million to more than 100 million species.

Researchers at Dalhousie University in Halifax say they have devised an innovative analytical technique to dramatically narrow that range, producing what they describe as the most precise calculation ever offered. In a study published yesterday in the scientific journal *PLoS Biology*, the scientists say the potential number of species worldwide is about 8.7 million.

If they're right, that means 86 per cent of all species have yet to be discovered. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Charged, violent man is on the lam: Police

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Halifax Regional Police are asking for the public's help finding a man they say is violent and shouldn't be approached.

A warrant has been issued for Brent James Oakley, 31, for breaching his conditions.

On July 31, police say they went to a residence in Harrietsfield to make sure Oakley was complying with conditions stemming from an assault charge and he wasn't there.

Police say for the past three weeks they've been



► Brent James Oakley

trying to locate him without success.

Should anyone know of Oakley's whereabouts, they are asked to contact HRP at 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Pop lineup released

They promised another big announcement, and they did not disappoint.

The Halifax Pop Explosion released this year's full lineup yesterday morning. Joining the likes of JEFF the Brotherhood, Dan Mangan, and F—ed Up in Halifax this October will be Stars, Thee

Oh Sees, DD/MM/YYYY and The Meligrove Band.

But that's just the tip of the hipster iceberg. The five-day festival, from Oct. 18 to 22 will host more than 150 artists from across North America. For more visit halifaxpopexplosion.com. ● METRO



► Thee Oh Sees

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► Premier Darrell Dexter speaks to reporters at One Government Place in this file photo from last year.

Premier calls bid 'inappropriate'

► Nova Scotia Power Inc. to meet with consumer, industry advocates this week to discuss rate hike



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Premier Darrell Dexter said the province will intervene against Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s bid to pull in more profits this fall.

Dexter told reporters yesterday he thinks NSPI's request to increase its profit margin is "inappropriate" in light of the province's current economic situation.

"My advice to them would be to withdraw it," Dexter said. "I think we need to be realistic about the cost base for ... industries but also for ratepayers."

NSPI has submitted an

application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to increase its return on equity from 9.35 per cent to 9.6 per cent.

The hearing coincides with another — an application by Port Hawkesbury's NewPage paper mill to lower their energy rates. NewPage announced Monday it would shut down the mill indefinitely, putting approximately 1,000 people out of work.

Dexter said he has been marshalling politicians from all three levels of government to work on a solution for the mill. He wouldn't say if the province will support NewPage's application, or if the province

was considering financial assistance for the troubled mill.

NSPI spokesman David Rodenhiser said the energy-utility company is meeting with industry and consumer advocates tomorrow to discuss a possible multi-year rate-increase plan to try and smooth out the hike.

"Return on equity will be one of the issues that we want to talk to all of the customer representatives about," said Rodenhiser.

"Everything is up for discussion at those discussions, and certainly we'll want to hear the opinions of all those different advocates."

SHUTDOWN

Province set to help paper mill

The province is offering to help NewPage Port Hawkesbury try to sell its paper products to new markets following word the mill will shut down indefinitely next month due to economic factors.

Premier Darrell Dexter

met with NewPage Port Hawkesbury president Tor Suther and Bill Stewart, NewPage's director of woodlands and strategic initiatives, in Halifax yesterday morning.

"They wanted to assure me that this is an efficient, productive mill, that it should be able to make a profit, that it should be able to operate in the appropriate context and provide a long-term future for the mill, and that's what I committed to work

with them on," Dexter told the Cape Breton Post following the meeting.

Bill Stewart, director of woodlands for NewPage Port Hawkesbury, said he didn't know what it would take for the province to save the mill.

"It's a complex issue," said Stewart. "I don't know that there is a single issue, but we need to work hard to find those solutions."

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U.S. tremor felt far and wide

► People scurried onto city streets
► Some flights were put on hold, while trains ran at slower speeds

One of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded on the East Coast of the U.S. shook buildings and rattled nerves yesterday, forcing the evacuation of parts of the Capitol, White House and Pentagon.

There were no immediate reports of deaths, but there were some injuries. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake registered magnitude 5.8 and was centred about 64 kilometres northwest of Richmond, Va. Two nuclear reactors at the North Anna Power Station were automatically taken off line by safety systems.

U.S. President Barack Obama led a conference call with administration officials, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Shaky ground

- **People from across central and eastern Canada**, including residents of Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and London reported feeling effects including rumbling desks and swaying buildings.
- **Earthquake Canada said** Canadians weren't feeling tremors or aftershocks, just waves from the quake.
- **More than 12 million** people live close enough to the quake's epicentre to have felt shaking.
- **Social media sites lit up** with first-hand accounts from Canada and the U.S.
- **In 1897, a magnitude-5.9** quake at Giles County, Va., was the strongest ever recorded in the state.



► Office workers gather on the sidewalk in downtown Washington, D.C., yesterday moments after a 5.8-magnitude tremor shook the U.S. capital.

NDP front-runner already on the horizon

One of Jack Layton's closest advisers is emerging as a surprise front-runner to pick up the torch from the fallen NDP leader.

Insiders say party president Brian Topp is receiving a lot of encouragement from influential quarters to join the impending race to succeed Layton, who died on Monday.

Topp is one of the key architects of Layton's success and was among the last of Layton's tight-knit inner circle to speak with him before his death.

Montreal MP Thomas Mulcair, Layton's deputy leader, is widely considered the only other prospective candidate to have a serious shot at taking Layton's place.

Signs of leadership jockeying emerged yesterday even as plans were drawn up for Layton's body to lie in state on Parliament Hill and Toronto City Hall before a state funeral in Toronto on Saturday.

His closed casket will rest for visitation in the foyer outside the House of



► Melanie d'Esterre reads from a wall that has been made into a tribute to the late NDP leader Jack Layton at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto yesterday.

Commons.

The lying-in-state will be open to the public today from 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. ET, and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. He will receive a 15-gun salute as he leaves Parliament Hill.

Layton's casket will then rest "in repose" at Toronto City Hall all day Friday and Saturday morning before a state funeral at Roy Thomson Hall that afternoon.

The state funeral, normally accorded only to current and former prime ministers, current cabinet

ministers and governors general, was offered by Prime Minister Stephen Harper out of respect for Layton's stature.

Topp, meanwhile, declined to comment on his possible leadership aspirations.

"We lost Jack yesterday and his funeral is on Saturday," Topp said in an interview. "It's not appropriate to talk about his successor this week."

Mulcair could not be reached for comment. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

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► Dominique Strauss-Kahn

DSK case collapses

A pair of judges put an end yesterday to the sensational sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, setting him free after prosecutors argued the hotel housekeeper accusing the former International Monetary Fund head of sexual assault couldn't be trusted.

The decision to drop the charges in a case that has attracted global attention as a cauldron of sex, violence, power and politics had been widely expected.

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Hurricane Irene eases off

Irene has lost some of its punch and is now a Category 1 hurricane. But the storm remains likely to regain strength and become a major hurricane. The National Hurricane Center said yesterday that Irene had maximum sustained winds of 145 km/h as it lashed the Turks and Caicos Islands. Updated projections had the storm moving farther east, but models still show Irene could make landfall in North Carolina over the weekend.

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Winehouse death still a mystery

Amy Winehouse had no illegal drugs in her system when she died, and it

is still unclear what killed the singer, her family said yesterday.

Toxicology tests showed "alcohol was present" but it is not determined if it contributed to her death. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ministry to 'look into' tornado death

The family of a salt-mine worker fatally crushed by debris in a violent tornado that ripped through a southwestern Ontario town on the weekend grappled yesterday with his death.

Two days after police broke the news that her 61-year-old husband had died, Brenda Turcotte Laberge said she still doesn't know why he was the only one killed in the storm that battered Goderich with 280 km/h winds and injured 37 other people.

Normand Laberge died on the job at the Sifto salt mine, the largest rock-salt mine in the world. Other employees who were working at the time survived.

A spokeswoman for Sifto's parent company Compass Minerals said the mine was being evacuated but Laberge wasn't able to escape. Ontario's Ministry of Labour is looking into what caused Laberge's death and what procedures were taken to prevent it. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Where did they hide?

With Moammar Ghadafi at large, we take a look at

where past ousted leaders have fled. **METRO**

Zine Al-Abidine Ben Ali



Tunisia's former president and his wife have been sentenced in absentia to 35 years of prison while they currently enjoy a golden exile in Saudi Arabia.

Ferdinand Marcos

The Filipino dictator was lucky enough to be friends with former U.S. president Reagan, who suggested he escape to Hawaii when massive riots broke out in Manila.



Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier



Haiti's former president found shelter in Paris with his wives.

Early this year, he was taken into custody for corruption and theft.

Saddam Hussein

Some of the bloodiest dictators were not able to escape. Iraq's former leader was found in a tiny cellar in 2003 and hanged three years later.



Rebels reclaim city

► Anti-Gadhafi forces have taken over most of the country ► Libyan leader's hometown city, Sirte, one of few areas still under his control

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► Rebel fighters trample on a bust of Moammar Ghadafi inside the main compound in Bab al-Aziziya in Tripoli, Libya, yesterday.

Hundreds of Libyan rebels stormed Moammar Ghadafi's compound yesterday, charging wildly through the symbolic heart of the crumbling regime as they killed loyalist troops, looted armouries and knocked the head off a statue of the besieged dictator. But they found no sign of the man himself.

The storming of Bab al-Aziziya, long the nexus of Ghadafi's power, marked the effective collapse of his 42-year-old regime. But with Ghadafi and his powerful sons still unaccounted for, and gun battles flaring across the nervous city, the fighters cannot declare victory.

The rebel force entered the compound after fighting for five hours with Ghadafi loyalists outside, using

mortars, heavy machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns.


They beat and killed some of those who defended the compound and hauled away crates of

weapons and trucks with guns mounted on the back in a frenzy of looting.

Ghadafi has not been heard from since Sunday, when rebels entered

Tripoli and he delivered a series of angry and defiant audio messages that were apparently phoned in to state television.

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Canadian drones assist rebels

Aeryon Labs Inc., based out of Waterloo, Ont., has supplied one of its Aeryon Scout Micro UAV units to the Libyan Transitional National Council, to help rebels fight against government forces by identifying enemy locations.

The small device, which looks like a toy helicopter, can fly into dangerous areas while shooting high-quality video that is beamed back in real-time to smartphones like Black-Berrys and iPhones. The company says the device is very easy to use and can be controlled via a map-based, touch-screen interface.

The device was delivered to Libya by the Ottawa-based private security firm Zariba Security Corporation, which conducted a day and a half of training before the rebels began using the drone.

Aeryon has sold its technology to police, military and corporate clients around the world.

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► Prime Minister Stephen Harper greets Canadian Rangers as he arrives in Resolute Bay, Nunavut, yesterday.

PM honours scientist

► Plane crash victim Martin Bergman was 'a leader in rejuvenating Canada's Arctic research infrastructure'

Among the victims of the deadly weekend jet crash that Prime Minister Stephen Harper paid tribute to yesterday was a federal scientist with a passion for Arctic research.

Harper was supposed to have toured a shiny new research facility in Resolute Bay, but his visit was abbreviated due to Saturday's horrific crash that killed 12 people, including Winnipeg's Martin Bergman, the senior government re-

searcher who was to have guided Harper on his science tour.

"Marty Bergman spent his life in pursuit of sharing the importance and relevance of (the) Arctic through science," Harper said in a release before his arrival in Resolute Bay.

Canada's Arctic research infrastructure is the subject of hot debate within its tight-knit research community, with diverging opinions on the focus and

direction of the Harper government.

Louis Fortier, a Laval University biologist and long-time Arctic researcher, says that Canada is doing only "25 to 30 per cent" of what it should in the Arctic compared with the United States, Denmark or Norway.

Bergman's loss is just another blow to a difficult research environment that one observer notes has always been "boom and bust." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Federal Funding

The Conservative government quietly extended Canada's Arctic research network's funding last year.

► The seven-year extension ensures the research group receives \$66 million from the government.

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► Nine-million-dollar smile: Akshay Kothari attended Facebook class and founded Pulse.com, a news aggregator that now has five million users.

Think rich with Facebook class

► Mark Zuckerberg who? Stanford University students learn how to create equally successful biz plans



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The company founded and run by Evan Reas has 10 employees and \$6 million in investor funding. Reas's business concept is simple: his website, lal.com, allows college students to flirt online. And U.S. college students apparently don't get to flirt enough in real life — thousands have signed up.

Reas himself is still just 26. He's one of the super-entrepreneurs trained at Stanford University's "Facebook class."

"The class was extremely practical," says Reas.

"(Professor B.J. Fogg) taught us the theory of entrepreneurship, but expected us to use it in the real world and try it out with small experiments to attempt to do it ourselves," says Reas.

"He wanted us to talk to users and to get real data ourselves rather than just reading it in a book."

The class, launched by Fogg and Dave McClure in 2007, hasn't just spawned Reas and lal.com. In fact, its main result is a new generation of companies that make money on Facebook apps. The first-year students designed apps that attracted 16 million users.

"The concept of this class had never been tried before," explains Professor Fogg. "The students built real things and put them out in the world. I told them to drop out if they didn't like challenges."

Their seminar was, in essence, a boot camp for future Silicon Valley stars. Many are now millionaires, at least on paper.

Akshay Kothari, 25, took the class last year and founded Pulse.me, an app that allows users to create a screen mosaic of their favourite news sites.

Since launching 14

"You should be able to create a business idea and launch it within 40 minutes."

PROF. B.J. FOGG

months ago, Pulse has gained a million users, \$10 million in funding and an endorsement from Steve Jobs.

Fogg says starting a successful company is actually fairly simple. "The biggest mistake companies make is to overthink," he says.

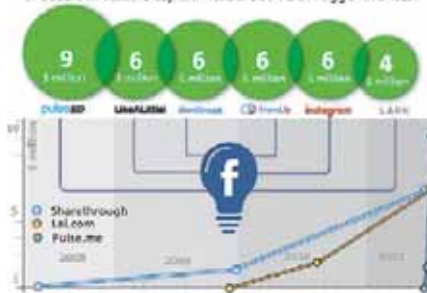
"They make their products too complicated, add way too many features, and delay launching for fear of failure. Successful apps are simple, social and fun."

Creative payoff

- Professor BJ Fogg directs Stanford's Persuasive Technology Lab. The prof changes the class each year. This year, he taught students how to use technology to reduce people's stress.
- Several weeks after the 2007 Facebook class ended, the students' Facebook apps had 24 million users.
- Many of the students have sold their ideas to existing companies or started companies featuring their apps.

From zero to millions in a year

Many of the companies created as classroom assignments in Professor BJ Fogg's "Facebook class" have turned into real-life companies. And many of them have already received millions of dollars in venture capital. Here are some of Fogg's favorites:



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News in brief

Tag — you're not it anymore

FACEBOOK FRIENDS. Facebook will now let you decide whether friends can attach your name to a photo before it's posted.

The change won't affect friends adding photos of you, only whether your

name is attached to it.
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Goodlife gets big strife

FITNESS. Goodlife Fitness Centres has paid a \$300,000 penalty for using automated systems to call members without permission.

The CRTC said that 60 calls had been made from May to December 2010.

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KFC arrives in East Africa

CHICKEN. Good news for chicken lovers: KFC just opened its first restaurant in Kenya.

KFC sits in a new wing of a Nairobi mall and is the first U.S. fast food outlet in East Africa's most developed economy.

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Lois Lane actress arrested at protest

50 During a peaceful protest Saturday, 50 environmental activists were arrested and spent two nights in jail.

Canadian actress Margot Kidder was among the latest slate of environmentalists to be arrested outside the White House yesterday, handcuffed and sent to jail on the fourth day of a two-week civil disobedience campaign against Trans-Canada's Keystone XL pipeline.

Kidder, born in Yellowknife but now living in Montana as an American citizen, was arrested alongside fellow Canadian actress Tantoo Cardinal by U.S. Park Police for refusing to vacate a White House sidewalk.

U.S. President Barack Obama will decide by the end of the year whether to allow Calgary-based Trans-Canada to build the US\$7-billion pipeline. It would transport millions of barrels of Alberta oilsands crude a week through the U.S. and to Gulf Coast refineries.

"We're the first state the pipeline goes through," Kidder, 62, best known for playing Lois Lane in four Superman movies, said before her arrest.

She marched from Lafayette Square north of the White House to the sidewalk lining the presidential residence.

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IF ONLY I HAD A DOLLAR FOR EVERY SONG I'VE SUNG

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
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So you think you can sing. Not to worry, it's a common delusion, and with treatment, you can lead a nearly normal life.

I, for example, have learned to confine my delusion to the car with the windows rolled up all the way, to the tune of Sweet Home Alabama. Well, maybe not to the exact tune, but only a sharp or flat off.

I used to sing in the shower, but the SPCA came by one day and confiscated my dog. Some neighbour thought that horrible noise could only be the beseeching cries of an abused animal and called it in.

Sadly, some people choose to ignore the evidence, and there's even a machine that aids and abets their transgressions. It's called a karaoke machine and, along with other weird stuff like sushi and manga, it comes from Japan.

Just so you know, "karaoke" means "empty orchestra," which just about sums it up. As anyone who has ever been to a bar knows, the karaoke machine provides the lush orchestral accompaniment, complete with lyrics, and the usually drunken patrons provide the vocal track.

The really amazing thing is that unlike the house band, karaoke never

sounds better no matter how many drinks you have.

So imagine my, er, delight when I discovered there's a World Karaoke Championship, where they actually encourage these people with cash prizes and recording contracts. This year, it's in Killarney, Ireland, from Sept. 8-10. You might want to vacation in France this year.

The last one was held in Moscow, and they should have the broken glass cleared up in time for the 2014 Winter Olympics. The World Karaoke Championship website quickly points out that this contest bears no resemblance to the usual alcohol-fuelled caterwauling in bars — these people can really sing.

But if they can really sing, why do they need the cheesy canned arrangements and backup singers? Why not just ... sing? I can only guess these audio-assisted thrushes have moved up through the bars and bubble-tea joints of the world and asking them to sing without their beloved music machine would be like asking Lady Gaga to appear in public without her meat dress.

It's part of the act.

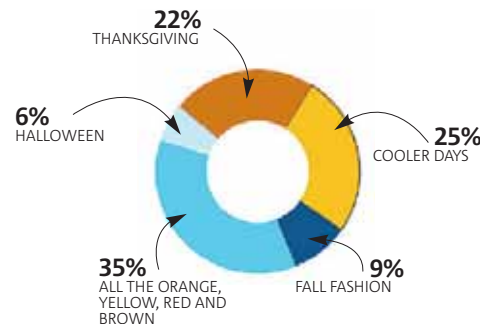
There are two British Columbians representing Canada at the 2011 Killarney blarney fest. To Trevor Dunn and Jerrica Santos, I say: Good luck and stay away from Sweet Home Alabama. That one's mine.

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With fall around the corner, what are you looking forward to most?



Local tweets



► **@zinck14:** How is there no good outdoor hangout

and sit at lunch space on quinpool rd? Picnic tables people!! #halifax

► **@Gregor_Ash:** Enthusiastic crowd on hand at Niche for today's launch of 31st Atlantic Film Festival. Box Office Aug 26 #thefilmfest

► **@Disasternat:** its amazing to see all the flags at half mast in Halifax! gov't and non-gov't buildings... a true sign of collective respect! #nspoli

► **@jobofyourlife:** Halifax is an NDP city in mourning.

Funny, saw Megan Leslie having breakfast on Sat passionately discussing someone in need & how to help.

► **@jmarshhh:** So someone in Halifax that works at a local rink reports Crosby canceled upcoming trainings, setbacks obviously? Wrong, he's in Toronto..

► **@PumphreyJ:** I get to the bus stop 30 mins early to #Tan #halifax

► **@mojo1970:** Sitting at Grand Parade Square in Halifax enjoying some afternoon sunshine. These really are the dog days of summer!

Letters

Jack Layton's passing is an unequivocal tragedy in the Canadian political arena. It was difficult to separate Jack Layton from his politics, not because one overrode the other, but because they were synonymous.

Layton tried to revitalize politics — fighting to give it a good name again — with unrelenting commitment to tolerance, compassion, and social justice. His death exemplifies that the politics of generosity and compassion aren't weak.

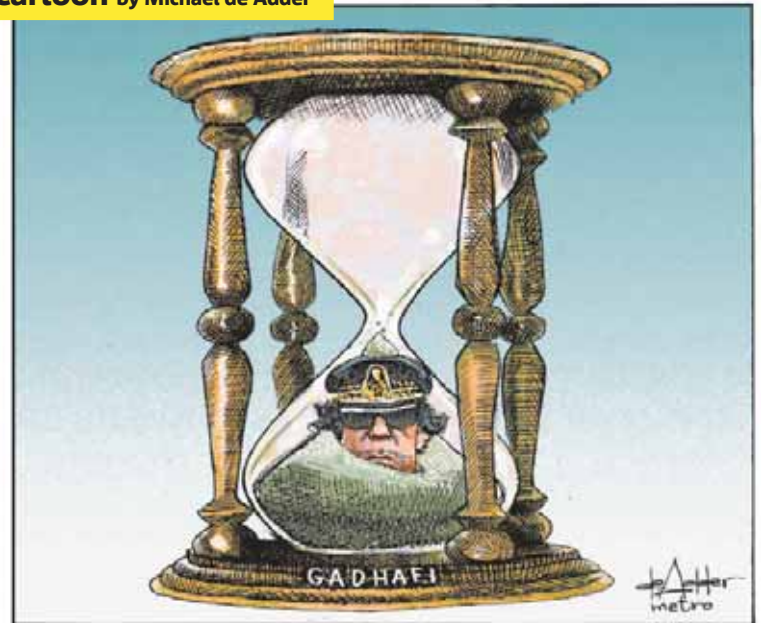
They reflect the inner goodness that not only constitutes the historical ordinance of Canada, but also humanity.

Layton, throughout his political career, dared to reimagine Canada, attempting to reroot it as a beacon of diversity and social justice. He proved that when you truly embody your personal convictions in your politics, you will not only be heard but respected.

Layton was heard loud and clear in May, when the NDP took over as the official opposition for the first time in history; and today that man with the cane — a charismatic and passionate Canadian — is being remembered.

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WEIRD NEWS

Sign of rogue panda disturbs motorists

Authorities in Flagstaff, Ariz., are assuring residents there are no rogue pandas roaming the city after some pranksters got creative with an electronic street sign.

The Arizona Department of Transportation-controlled sign was set up to warn drivers not to make left turns at a busy intersection. But motorists heading to work Monday morning got an entirely different

message: "Rogue panda on rampage."

A passerby reported the hacked sign to police at about 3 a.m. yesterday.

Transportation Department spokeswoman Mackenzie Nuno says the sign was restored to its original message by 11 a.m.

She says the agency has no suspects, but she noted the hackers would have needed specialized equipment to change the sign.

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► Zoe Saldana re-defines the female assassin in Colombiana.

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Chances are the first movie assassin names that pop into your head are The Jackal, Martin Q. Blank or El Mariachi. What do they have in common, other than flashy names and a predilection for gunning down their on-screen enemies?

They're all men. What about the ladies? Beatrix Kiddo, Charlie Baltimore or Jane Smith?

Jean Luc Goddard said, "all you need to make a

movie is a girl and a gun," and often these days filmmakers are placing that gun in the hands of female film assassins. Nikita is back on the tube and earlier this year Saoirse Ronan played a deadly 16-year-old in Hanna.

This weekend Avatar's Zoe Saldana is back as a stone-cold killer in Colombiana.

As Charlie Baltimore, Geena Davis created one of the screen's most loved female assassins in The Long Kiss Goodnight. Suffering from amnesia, when her past catches up with her she flip flops from suburban mom to killer.

Best Line?

"They're gonna blow

"They're gonna blow my head off, you know. This is the last time I'll ever be pretty."

GEENA DAVIS AS CHARLIE
BALTIMORE IN THE LONG KISS
GOODNIGHT

my head off, you know. This is the last time I'll ever be pretty."

Angelina Jolie's deadly demeanor has pumped up several action movies. Lara Croft was a gun-slinging super-heroine but she's also played assassins in two movies.

In Mr. and Mrs. Smith she's a hitlady assigned to kill her own on-screen

(and future real life) partner Brad Pitt.

"Still alive baby?" she purrs after trying to shoot him through a wall.

Also, as Fox in Wanted she was a member of the Fraternity, a deadly group of killers, with the useful ability to shoot around corners. Best line?

"We kill one, and maybe save a thousand. That's the code of the Fraternity."

The highest body count must go to Beatrix Kiddo, played by Uma Thurman in Kill Bill parts one and two.

As a bride done wrong by her former Deadly Viper Assassination Squad colleagues (including Vivi-

ca A. Fox plays Vernita Green and Lucy Liu as O-Ren Ishii), Kiddo slices and dices her way through more than 100 opponents.

But the two most unlikely female assassins on film were found in Leon: The Professional and Kick-Ass.

In the former Natalie Portman was a 12-year-old who learns how to kill from her teacher, Léon (Jean Reno), a skillful but sensitive hitman.

In Kick-Ass, a 2010 action-comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Chloë Moretz, Hit Girl (Moretz) asks her father (and assassin mentor) for a Benchmade model 42 butterfly knife for her 11th birthday.

He's back



Arnold Schwarzenegger will be making his movie comeback in New Mexico. The Valencia County New-Bulletin reports the movie Last Stand will start filming in Belen, N.M., in October. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Handwritten letter from author Kathryn Stockett becomes focal point in 'The Help' lawsuit

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Internet famous to real-world famous

► Greyson Chance building off his web fame to find success in the music industry ► He will be performing and doing a meet and greet at the CNE

Greyson Chance has the unique distinction of being a YouTube sensation.

He grabbed attention worldwide (not to mention web hits) for his rendition of Lady Gaga's Paparazzi.

At just 12 years old, he also caught the attention of talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres.

She invited him on her show, and was so impressed, she created a record label called eleveneleven and signed him as its first artist.

Now, Greyson is 14 years old and has spent the time since writing, recording songs and touring to establish himself in the music industry.

He released his first album called Hold on 'Til the Night earlier this month.

It debuted No. 29 on the Billboard album charts.

He talked about his music, DeGeneres and how he's wise beyond his years during a recent interview.

What did you learn from recording your first album?

I learned tons from recording this album. I really got into production and started learning how to make sounds, how to make beats and that sort of thing. Also, I think I've really advanced as a songwriter because I wrote more than half of the record.

You didn't rush to put out an album after getting a record deal. Was there a pressure to keep the momentum going?

I feel like you need to take time. You need to take time to build the process, gain the fans, put out the record and also build time to realize what the heck you're doing. You don't want to rush into something. You need to take your time, realize what you're doing, what you want to do, how to market yourself. And the music industry is a lot of business and it's a lot of politics.

You're very well spoken and wise for your age. Are you sure you're only 14?



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► Wise beyond his years, Greyson Chance is turning his web fame into real success.

Come and see

Bringing his Internet fame to Toronto.

► Music YouTube sensation Greyson Chance will be performing at the CNE bandshell stage on Aug. 30. Greyson will perform his new single, Unfriend You, to a crowd of 10,000 fans and will be available for an exclusive VIP meet and greet.

Now that you're asking, I'm actually about to turn 14 this Christmas. I'm very excited. I'm going to spend it with the kids. You know, we're gonna have a good vacation, nice Christmas and it's gonna be

good.

How involved is Ellen DeGeneres in your career?

She is very, very involved. She is always critiquing songs, artwork, everything.

What's the best piece of advice she's given you?

She told me, 'Do not change yourself,' and I really haven't. I've definitely evolved as an artist and as a person but I haven't changed myself one bit.

How are you with listening to your music or watching yourself perform?

I'm very hard on myself. ... We record the show every

night and I go look back at it and I write notes about what to do, what looks good, what doesn't look good.

What do you do when you're not doing something music-related?

I'm very into photography. I love taking photos and I'm a huge reader ... I'm desperately into Harry Potter. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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BRIGHT FUTURE?

"THIS IS NOT THE LAST BRIGHT EYES FOR SURE"

Conor Oberst has been releasing music under the Bright Eyes moniker since he was 15, and when he and his band released The People's Key earlier this year, there was some buzz that it might be the last from the formative indie rock band from Nebraska. Oberst says not to worry.

I've read that this is the final Bright Eyes album. Is that true?

No, not definitively. We don't really have any plans for the future at this point, but as far as that whole thing, that was something where someone took a quote that I said (out of context) and that was something that other people decided. We never made an official announcement. Even if it were our last record, we wouldn't say it was our last record. As the rumor mill works, that's kind of the way it goes. You can definitely quote me, this is not the last Bright Eyes for sure.

What are some of your favourite songs to play live these days?

We keep adding on at sound check. The last one we learned was this one called I Believe in

Symmetry which is on the Digital Ash record, and that's always been a good one live. It has a sort of cathartic ending.

How often do you achieve catharsis when you're performing?

Night-to-night, the goal is always to be in the music and feel as connected to it as possible, and depending on the environment and the crowd and our states of mind as far as the band members I think on a good night we totally achieve that, and sometimes there's distractions or things that can take me out of the moment. But the goal is to reach that point where you remember, I guess, just remember the place, the feeling, that created the song, and try to get back to that.

You kind of get the psychedelic effect almost.

Yeah, we wanted it to be a little more trippy. We're always just trying to find new sounds that intrigue us, and then hopefully if it's something that we're interested in the listener is willing to come along with us. **PAT HEALY**

Kate Winslet saves Branson's mom from fire

► Sure, she let 'Jack' freeze in the water after the Titanic sunk, but real-life actress is something of a lifesaver ► House destroyed, but no one was hurt



► Kate Winslet

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While vacationing in Richard Branson's estate on beautiful Necker Island, Kate Winslet narrowly escaped a massive fire that destroyed the home — and even carried Branson's 90-year-old mother, Eve, to safety.

"[Winslet] was staying there with her children and in fact it was she who carried my mother out of the house," Branson tells

ITV News.

"She swept her up into her arms and got them out of the house as fast as possible."

Lightning during a tropical storm is said to be the cause of the fire.

"The main house is completely destroyed and the fire is not yet completely out," the billionaire Branson says.

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► Victoria Beckham

Victoria ditches her high heels — for now anyway

Victoria Beckham is recovering from a slipped disc in her back, and appeared in public for the first time since the problem developed — and she wasn't wearing her trademark high-heels, according to Us Weekly.

It's been speculated that the slipped disc was caused at least in part by

Beckham's insistence to wear stilettos during her recent pregnancy.

"Thank you for your kind messages," Beckham posted on Twitter recently.

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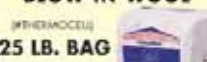
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Iconic building closing its doors



The Royal Bank building on St. Jacques Street, which graces the Montreal skyline, will close next spring when the Royal Bank shutters its branch in a building that served as its headquarters from 1928 to 1962. When it opened, it was dubbed the tallest building in the British Empire. It's not yet clear whether visitors will still be able to access it beyond next spring.

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Paris airport brings Star Trek holodeck to terminal with virtual boarding agents.

A land of wonder and Inspiration

► Gabriola Island in B.C. is a magnet for artists, earning it the nickname 'Isle of the Arts'

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► Visitors enjoy the beach on the northern tip of Gabriola Island.

There is immeasurable character and wonder to be discovered in the mystic landscape of Gabriola Island, in the Gulf Islands of British Columbia.

Within minutes of arriving, there's a good chance you'll spot an eagle soaring, watch deer scampering along the road or pass by the alpaca farm. Ancient petroglyphs are carved into sandstone throughout the island, which is a 20-minute ferry ride from Nanaimo. There are more

than a dozen beaches and ocean-side spots to visit, including the Malaspina Galleries, a stunning 3.5-metre natural sandstone formation created by years of wave erosion.

But the wondrousness isn't limited to the terrain.

According to the Gabriola Arts Council, the island has the fifth highest concentration of artists in all of Canada. The island is often referred to as the "Isle of the Arts."

"There's a real work

ethic amongst the artists here," said Ramsey, who is president of the council. "They go out to their studio on Monday and come out on Friday with a whole body of work done."

Another intriguing characteristic about Gabriola is the high number of vintage cars that are seen during the summer months. Until recently, the local newspaper would publish a feature on a different vehicle every month.

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GABRIOLA ISLAND

A history of hippies

The 4,200 residents who live here emit a laid-back, welcoming vibe.

Resident Kathy Ramsey says not to be surprised if the person working at the checkout of the grocery store is a former rocket scientist.

The eccentricity of the island could be



traced back to its history as a hippie colony in the 1960s, when many Earth-loving wanderers made their way over to live off the land, exploding the population

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What lies beneath

► Soon, the public will get a closer look at sea life from the Bay of Fundy ► St. Andrews, N.B., readies aquarium

A new \$8-million aquarium highlighting sea life from the Bay of Fundy will open in St. Andrews by Labour Day and is expected to attract at least 50,000 visitors a year, says spokesman Jim Cornall.

The 1,850-square-metre Fundy Discovery Aquarium, located at the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, will remain open year-round. It replaces a much smaller aquarium that had been at the site since 1972 and was torn down in May 2010.

A pair of popular harbour seals named Loki and Snorkel are back, giving shows at twice-a-day feedings, but they now occupy a deep pool with an underwater window, said Cornall.

"The viewing experience for the public is certainly better."

There are also rare 10-kilogram lobsters, a large touch pool featuring sea stars, crabs, sea cucumbers and other animals, and a separate touch pool with skates.

"We carry a range of creatures that would be in

the (Fundy) intertidal zone all the way down to the deep sea" — a broad selection that allows the aquarium to raise issues such as ecology, climate change and invasive species, says Cornall.

As well, a two-storey display shows the height of the local tides.

"We're lucky that the Bay of Fundy has the highest tides in the world. It's an impressive exhibit."

The federal and New Brunswick governments each contributed \$2.5 million toward the aquarium, while the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, a research and education facility, added \$3 million.

St. Andrews, in the southwest corner of N.B., is about 100 kilometres west of Saint John.

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► The popular harbour seal Snorkel will be giving twice-daily shows at the new aquarium.



► This lobster was raised at the aquarium from an egg.



► The new aquarium will be located at the Huntsman Marine Science Centre.



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- 60 ml (2 oz) blueberry juice
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) lime juice
- 30 ml (1 oz) gin (optional)
- Ice
- Club soda
- Handful of fresh blueberries

In bottom of highball glass, muddle basil with sugar. Pour in blueberry juice, lime juice and gin (if using) and stir to dissolve sugar. Add ice and club soda, stirring gently. Garnish with blueberries. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ALISON LADMAN**



Comfort foods of Italy — that's amore

► Tomatoes star in this easy, delicious Pasta Pomodoro

One of the basic ways Italians prepare garden-fresh tomatoes is in a pomodoro sauce made with basil and garlic tossed with pasta. This dish embodies the core philosophy of Italian food: letting a few perfectly ripe ingredients shine.

Preparation:

- 1 In pot, bring 6 l (24 cups) of water to a boil. Add 30 ml (2 tbsp) of salt.
- 2 In non-stick skillet over medium-low, heat 7 ml (1/2 tsp) of the oil. Add garlic slices and toast, stirring constantly, for 3 or until lightly browned. Increase heat to medium, add red pepper flakes and half

of the basil leaves. Cook for 30 seconds, then add tomatoes.

- 3 Add pasta to boiling water and cook until al dente according to package directions.
- 4 Meanwhile, toss tomatoes in skillet and cook until they start to blister and the skins pop. Mash tomatoes with potato masher or fork to make pulp, then turn off heat. Season lightly with salt and black pepper.
- 5 Drain pasta, reserving 50 ml (1/4 cup) of cooking water. Add pasta and reserved pasta water to tomato mix. Increase heat to

medium-high. Add half of cheese. Cook until sauce begins to cling to noodles, using heat-resistant rubber spatula to toss pasta to coat.

- 6 Add remaining basil and olive oil and toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide pasta among 4 plates and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

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Start to finish:
30 mins.
Serves:
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Ingredients:

- Salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 6 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

- Pinch red pepper flakes (peperoncino)
- 16 fresh basil leaves, torn into small pieces, divided
- 1 l (4 cups) very ripe grape tomatoes (about 80 grape tomatoes)

- 250 g (8 oz) dry kamut spaghetti
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 30 ml (1 oz) Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, freshly grated, divided

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peat with tomatoes, cutting each into 4 slices.

- 2 Stack 2 slices of tomato and 2 slices of mozzarella, alternating as you stack, on each of 4 serving plates. As you stack, season each tomato slice with a pinch of salt and pepper. Set aside.

- 3 In a blender, combine olive oil, lemon juice and half of the capers. Puree until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Drizzle a bit of the dressing over each mozzarella-tomato stack. Scatter several basil leaves, a few of the remaining capers and a bit of lemon zest over each stack.

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Ingredients:

- Two 250-g (8-oz) balls fresh mozzarella
- 2 large slicing tomatoes
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers, divided
- Handful fresh basil leaves

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Risks and rewards

STUDENT VOICE

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I was just about to complete my Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing from Ryerson University. I started looking for jobs a few months before graduation, but I wasn't prepared for the problems I would face.

I quickly realized that employers didn't care about the marketing courses I had taken, or my GPA. They cared about relevant work experience.

Fortunately, I had some prior experience compared to some graduates but even that was minimal.

With this small experience, I was able to get through to a few second interviews. However, I always heard the same thing when employers were making the final cuts: I didn't get the job because I lacked experience.

It was so frustrating having to convince an employer to give me a chance! How else do they expect any new graduate to gain experience?

Employers can't expect every graduate to be the complete package. We are young, motivated and full of fresh, new ideas!

Employers should take a risk and hire new graduates. It doesn't matter if we haven't worked in a large corporation or do not have a specific skill. We can learn! That's what we have been doing our whole academic careers. Don't undervalue a graduate by



► Raman Battu

thinking there is no time to train them.

Career centres and schools also need to do more to help students by providing them with co-op experience while in school, regardless of their GPA.

Schools should also provide hands-on experience during class time. For example, case studies are a great way to practice new problem solving skills that employers are looking for.

Also, schools should constantly update courses to better assist students.

When I graduated in 2010, I learned nothing about social media and its relation to marketing, a knowledge base that would have been highly useful upon graduation.

My recommendation to students would be this: find an internship or part-time position while you're still in school so you can get your foot in the door.

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Where Raman is now

I eventually did find a job at a small company through a mutual friend. I appreciated the fact that my employer took the risk to hire me, a new graduate. Having gained more experience, I am currently looking for a marketing position with more responsibilities to help grow my career.

A FEW RULES YOU MAY HAVE WRONG AT WORK

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"Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary."
—Winston Churchill

The above quote is as true at work as it is in life, except that in workplace law there is always an exception. Here is a sampling of some of the questions readers of this column frequently ask and the answers I often provide.

Performance appraisals

When assessing merit, your appraisals matter. When assessing severance, they are mostly irrelevant. This is because poor performance is seldom cause for dismissal. Similarly, there is no such concept as "near cause", which means there is no correlation between your level of performance and the quantum of severance you will ultimately receive. Therefore, if you are fired and it relates to performance, you should receive the same severance as if it did not.

Letters of reference

Employees believe they



► Your written employment contract may not be wholly binding if it hasn't met all of the necessary criteria.

are always entitled to a reference. However, there is no rule or law compelling a reference, no matter how long or meritorious your service.

Employment contracts

If there is a written contract, it has to meet a number of tests. You must, at least, be given the opportunity to negotiate or those terms that are punitive may not be enforced later on. This rule also applies during the course of employment, except that something of greater value must also be offered, such as a raise or a promotion, in exchange for a contract. Otherwise, the courts have reasoned, an employer could unilaterally impose new terms, and you would be left without the leverage to negotiate or refuse.

Resignations

If you resign with advance

notice and your employer asks you to immediately leave, are you entitled to pay for the remaining period of notice? Yes. Unless you signed a contract that says otherwise, generally you must be paid.

Independent contractor agreements

It usually will not matter that workers have signed agreements confirming they are independent from their employers. When this characterization is challenged, often many years later, courts are apt to find these workers were truly employees. No surprise there. Many times the contract represented little else than a "label". What actually matters is how the parties behaved.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Raman's experience:

► Don't wait until graduation to start searching for meaningful work. Try to secure an internship or part-time work during school so that you're one step ahead of the competition upon graduation.

► Your professors can be a great resource when looking for career-related advice.

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More sports



Halifax Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell says he hopes to have an answer from second-overall pick Jonathan Drouin by the end of today on whether the 16-year-old winger will play in the QMJHL this season. Russell and head coach Dominique Ducharme travelled to Montreal this week to sit down with the Drouin camp and wrapped up meetings yesterday morning. Drouin has said he wants to play midget AAA in Lac-St. Louis, Que.

- Suburban FC comes from behind to win first EastLink Premiership title
- Club heads off to nationals Oct. 5-10 in Brossard, Que.



► Suburban FC's Chris McEachern and Halifax City striker Dylan Sheehan fight for the ball during yesterday's EastLink Premiership final at Mainland Common.

Cordoba powers Suburban FC to Premiership title



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After spending the first half on the bench watching Jason Ross make save after highlight-reel save, Alex Cordoba made sure his keeper's efforts didn't go unrewarded.

The 24-year-old striker from Colombia scored a pair of goals to lift Suburban FC to an EastLink Premiership men's soccer championship, with a 3-1 non-golden-goal overtime victory over Halifax City last night at Mainland Common.

Matched only in speed by his younger brother Jonathan on the opposite wing, Cordoba was a whirling dynamo all over the field and scored a beautiful 30-footer

in the 73rd minute that woke his team from a slumber.

"I'm pretty excited about what happened today," said a jubilant Cordoba afterward. "I came in (at half-time) and did my best, you know?"

City poured it on through the opening 70 minutes and Matt Fegan found the net in the 65th minute. But Ross, an 18-year-old from Bedford, was sensational, diving and leaping to neutralize City's attack.

"Me, personally, I was in the zone," said Ross, who will suit up for the Dalhousie Tigers this fall. "I knew what I had to do and the boys were giving me the opportunity to do it."

With Cordoba's first goal putting wind back in Subur-

ban's sails, Golden Boot Award-winner Ian Greedy delivered the winner just 10 minutes into overtime.

Greedy, who also scored the winner in Suburban's semifinal win on Sunday, booted one in on a free kick from the top of the keeper's box just 10 minutes into overtime.

Cordoba added an insurance goal with about five minutes to go in extra time on a perfect setup by his brother.

"Having the 'Dobas on the wing, they're so fast and they're so good with their feet," Ross said. "Having them out there, they can create chances for themselves. They can create something out of nothing. We got them into the game, got them the ball, and that's what really got us going."



► Suburban FC's Ian Greedy celebrates his overtime goal.



► Darren Doucette

Doucette finds swing with Dry

Just a few months removed from his 40th birthday, Darren Doucette is hitting the ball better than he has in years.

As his Dartmouth Moosehead Dry head off to Chatham, N.B., to battle for the team's fourth Canadian senior baseball title, Doucette — already an 11-time Nova Scotia home-run champion — has piled up 12 dingers and has his sights set on more.

The former St. Louis Cardinals farmhand hasn't had this many home runs in five years. He's three away from his career best and five away from the provincial record of 17 with five regular-season games to go.

"I'm seeing the ball pretty well," said Doucette, who represented Canada at the World Baseball Challenge in July. "Going away with Team Canada, getting a lot of swings in, and seeing some great pitching helped me refocus and work on some kinks in my swing. Things are starting to fall into place."

Dartmouth, which is first in the province with a 21-6 record, opens nationals tomorrow at noon against Alberta, while the Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians are facing Windsor, Ont., at 4 p.m.

While Doucette's bat will be an asset, so too will Dartmouth's all-star pitching staff, which features Steve Nelson, Craig Langille, Marek Deska, Jason Bailey and Ontario pickup Greg Byron.

Dartmouth is also on a roll, losing just once in its past 10.

"We've been there enough times to know what it takes to win and we use the regular season as a building block toward nationals," Doucette said. "We've tried to get better and hopefully we can continue that into the weekend." ■ **MATTHEW WUEST**

‘This isn’t the end,’ says Hill after trade

► Jays ship second baseman and popular infielder John McDonald to Arizona ► ‘They were guys that cared,’ says Toronto manager John Farrell



► Fans display a banner at the Rogers Centre in Toronto last night after John McDonald and Aaron Hill were traded by the Blue Jays.

Although it's farewell, it might not be goodbye.

"I have not ruled out either player being back here in 2012," Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said after announcing yesterday that second baseman Aaron Hill and infielder John McDonald had been traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks for second baseman Kelly Johnson.

All three players can be free agents in the off-season.

"This is all I've known, this has been my family," Hill told the media at Rogers Centre before the Blue Jays game with the Kansas City Royals last night. "Like Alex said, I'm

"Not only are you playing for the city of Toronto, but the country of Canada. It's a very special place and it will be missed."

SECOND BASEMAN AARON HILL, AFTER BEING TRADED FROM THE TORONTO BLUE JAYS TO THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS YESTERDAY

very open to coming back next year. This isn't the end."

Added McDonald: "I've had a lot of conversations with Alex recently about just that, about continuing to be a Toronto Blue Jay, and that excites me too."

The 29-year-old Johnson, long rumoured to be an Anthopoulos target, has appeared in 114 games for Arizona this season, posting a .209 average with 18 home runs, 49 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.

A first-round pick of the

Atlanta Braves in 2000, Johnson is a career .260 hitter with 89 home runs and 326 RBIs in 758 games.

"He has the ability to get on base, draw some walks and he's got power to all fields," Anthopoulos said. "He'd be the first one to tell you, I'm sure, he's not performing the way he expected to, especially off the year he came off of last year."

Players must clear waivers to be traded after July 31 and Anthopoulos said all the Blue Jays players cleared early in August as a

matter of club policy.

It was at that time that talks with the Diamondbacks on a possible deal started to take place.

Hill has struggled the last two seasons with the Blue Jays, but said he will cherish his time in Toronto, noting the club's bright future.

"This team will win. The way they're going, the direction they're going, with Alex and everybody, I do believe this team will win," Hill said.

Both McDonald and Hill will have a chance to play in the post-season with Arizona in contention for the National League West's title.

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Stamkos pulling for Crosby's return

Steven Stamkos says the NHL needs Sidney Crosby.

The Pittsburgh Penguins superstar has been out of action since January with post-concussion syndrome and it was rumoured this week he suffered a setback in his recovery.

Stamkos said it's difficult to see Crosby on the sidelines, both for the health of the league and as a fellow player.

"It'd be tough, we need him. He's the face of the NHL," the Tampa Bay Lightning sniper said yesterday at an NHL fitness camp in Toronto. "It obviously would take away from our game not having him in the lineup, so hopefully everything goes well."

Crosby's agent tried to quell rumours Monday that the centre had cancelled some on-ice workouts and that he wouldn't

be ready for training camp next month.

Pat Brisson said in a release the 24-year-old had adjusted his workout schedule and would address his condition at an "appropriate time."

Crosby hasn't appeared in a game since Jan. 5 when he took a blow to the head for a second straight game and was diagnosed with a concussion.

Stamkos, who recently signed a big extension with Tampa Bay, added the amount of concussions in the league is alarming.

"It's scary with the amount of concussions, not only with him, over the past couple years," Stamkos said.

"As a fellow player in the league, you want to prevent that sort of thing."

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Canadian little leaguers bow out

Canada is heading home from the Little League World Series with its head held high.

The team from Langley, B.C., lost 4-0 to Japan yesterday in an elimination game.

Canada leaves the tournament with pride after a surprising victory in a

must-win game against nemesis Taiwan and a good effort against Japan.

"We lost to the defending champs 4-0. We held our own," Canadian coach Jason Andrews said when asked how his team handled elimination. "I think we represented very well.

They're very upbeat, very happy with the way they played."

Cole Cantelon allowed four runs in 4 1/3 innings for Canada, which put two runners on in the bottom of the sixth before Connor McCreath grounded out to end the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

17 Canada advanced to face Japan after defeating Taiwan 5-3 on Monday. That marked the first time a Canadian team had defeated Taiwan in 17 trips at the Little League World Series.

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Spacious coupe

As a four-door wearing a two-door's body, the tester offered up a surprisingly generous back seat, easy entry and exit, a massive trunk, and a great forward view of the road.

No issue with space on board for a four-person road trip, and up front, the driver and passenger could easily forget they aren't simply in a sedan.

Typical coupe-related compromises are largely eliminated, here.

Interior

Most will find the cabin styling modest and plain, an attribute embodied most heavily in the graphics of the infotainment system which are on par with the average gas station ATM machine.

This part of the Accord is in dire need of an update.

Engine

Under the testers' hood, Honda's 3.5-litre SOHC V6 engine dispenses 271 horsepower to the front wheels, thanks in part to the automaker's proven VTEC valve timing system. Among other things, VTEC ramps up engine output and sound effects at higher revs, creating a delightfully peaky power-curve.

Honda's proven J35 Z3 powerplant sounds fantastic, loves to work and moves the Accord Coupe along like absolute heck.

A six-speed manual transmission took centre stage within the tester. It offered up a fairly slick shift action despite a longer throw, as well as a light and easygoing clutch.



► Though the Accord Coupe doesn't have the world's sportiest shifter, it is easy to bang some gears and get this rocket coupe blasting along so quickly the tires can barely keep up. Torque steer is present though well managed, and in all, it's an entertaining and delightful drivetrain to put through its paces.

Family-car roots shine through in Accord Coupe



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Accord Coupe

What you should know:

- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6, VTEC, 271 horsepower.
- **Drivetrain:** Front-wheel drive, two-door coupe.
- **Transmission:** Six-speed

formance flagship riding the same platform as one of the most sensible family rides on the road.

When driving, handling of the Accord is tidy overall, though enthusiast drivers will likely wish for a little less body roll, a little

quicker steering and some more aggressive tires. The Accord Coupe isn't a handling monster first and foremost, but it's entertaining to push hard, not to mention comfortable, compliant and relatively quiet during cruising.

End of the day, the Accord Coupe's surprising sensibility, as well as Honda's reputation for reliability, quality and residual value will be big draws here. Shoppers after a muscular sports coupe that's nearly as rational and level-headed as a family sedan won't likely be disappointed.



► A side view of the sexily-shaped Accord Coupe.



► At hand storage facilities are generous in the cabin. Two large cupholders are fitted, and things are all nicely equipped and set up for day-to-day life.

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By doing away with the Grand Am nameplate, the now-extinct American brand was clearly aiming for a new beginning in the G6's segment — and had their eyes on taking a piece of the pie from the Japanese competition.

Coupe, sedan and convertible models were available, as were numerous trim levels and options packages to fit a variety of needs.

2006 to 2011 Pontiac G6



Engine

Look for G6 with a 3.5-L V6 with 200 horsepower, a 2.4-L four-cylinder with 169 horsepower, and two up-level V6 engines displacing 3.6 and 3.9-litres and generating 242 or 240 horsepower.



What owners like

Owners taking to the Internet to share experiences typically rave about styling, overall value, ride quality, and decent fuel mileage with any of the "smaller" engines. Comments like "fun to drive," "sharp looking," and "sporty" are common.



What owners dislike

Complaints tend to centre around lower-than-expected cabin build quality and materials selection, some noises as the G6 ages, and a rattly sunroof. Some wish for better gas mileage from the larger engines.



Common issues

Well-documented problems with the G6's electric power steering may result in a loss of power steering assist — meaning the steering could become stiff and feel "locked up" at speed.

This safety issue was addressed by a service bulletin, and any GM mechanic should be able to check and replace the troublesome parts.

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GRAND OPEN-AIR CONCEPT POINTS TO CADILLAC'S FUTURE

AUTO PILOT



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Cadillacs of yesteryear were big, imposing expressions of American affluence and confidence. Mobsters, movie stars and other big shots loved them, and used them to extend their A-type personalities.

Then something happened during the 1970s. They lost their Mojo and starting

hanging out with the wrong crowd — retired Floridians who favoured white golfing slacks and/or dinner theatre.

Cadillac gradually got its 'cred back, mostly through a very successful new exterior design language called Art and Science, which debuted on the original CTS in 2002. Those sharp angles and crisp lines were not universally loved, but they definitely gave Cadillac a decisive and modern personality.

What's next?

Well, we now have some idea, thanks to the unveiling of the Ciel concept, at last weekend's Concours d'Elegance classic car show at the Pebble Beach country club in California.

I wasn't there, which is



▶ Behold the Cadillac Ciel — pronounced "C-L," the French translation for sky.

just as well, because we all know that part of California just sucks (OK, maybe some sour grapes talking).

But we have pictures and they reveal that the Ciel — French for sky and pronounced "C-L" — is evolving Cadillac's Art and Science design toward a more flowing direction. Not quite a river, but definitely less geometry class.

The other intent of Ciel is to announce that Cadillac is anxious to once again have a big halo type vehicle in its portfolio, which it could stack against the range-topping models from rivals BMW and Mercedes-Benz (7 Series and S Class Sedans, respectively).

As such Ciel is big. It sits on a 125-inch wheelbase, and is 12 inches longer

than Cadillac's current biggest sedan, the CTS. The "open air grand tourer" body style, complete with suicide doors, is purposefully extravagant, as are the interior accoutrements and conveniences.

The hybrid powerplant is a sign of the times: 3.6-litre V6 with twin turbochargers, and lithium-battery powered

electric motor.

"The Ciel is about the romance of the drive," noted Clay Dean, Cadillac's global design director.

"It emulates the great touring cars seen on the greens at Pebble Beach, but with a more modern flair that projects Cadillac's vision for the future."

Unfortunately the total-topless Ciel is a bit too out there for production.

Only the styling cues and some finishes, like the vintage wood treatment and Cabernet paint job will make it into production. (The latter inspired by the "rich translucence of a glass of red wine held up to the sunlight.")

But good on Cadillac for shooting big. Ciel is a nice shot.

Buick's 'light' electric system provides heavy returns

◆ The eAssist features electric motor, gasoline engine and battery ◆ The result is vastly better fuel economy

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Cars that use battery power are becoming more common, but not all of them are meant to run on electricity alone. Some au-

tomakers, including GM, are adding electric motors to engines for a conventional level of power with lower fuel consumption.

A new system called eAssist will be available later this year on the 2012 Buick LaCrosse and Regal. "It will be more than a 25 per cent (fuel economy) improvement over the 2011," says Daryl Wilson, lead develop-

ment engineer for LaCrosse and Regal eAssist.

The vast majority of the improvement will be from the eAssist, and the rest from aerodynamic improvements and more fuel-efficient tires.

Called "light electrification" technology, the system includes a small electric motor-generator attached to the gasoline en-

gine, and a 29-kilogram power pack containing a lithium-ion battery and power inverter.

When you're driving a conventional car and you press the throttle to get more power, the engine works harder and uses more fuel. With eAssist, the electric motor provides up to 15 horsepower to the engine, which doesn't have

to work as hard. Since electric motors make their full power as soon as they start up that extra boost of power is available when you press the throttle.

Like a hybrid, the eAssist system shuts off the gasoline engine at idle, such as when sitting at a red light (the lights, heater and stereo continue to operate) and starts it up again when

you're ready to take off.

"Another key feature is that we cut fuel to the engine during deceleration," Wilson says. "We do this at high speeds in all GM cars, but this one can be done right down to zero, enabled by the ability to smooth torque disturbances with the electric motor as you're getting down to lower speeds."

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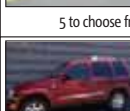
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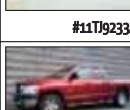
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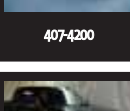
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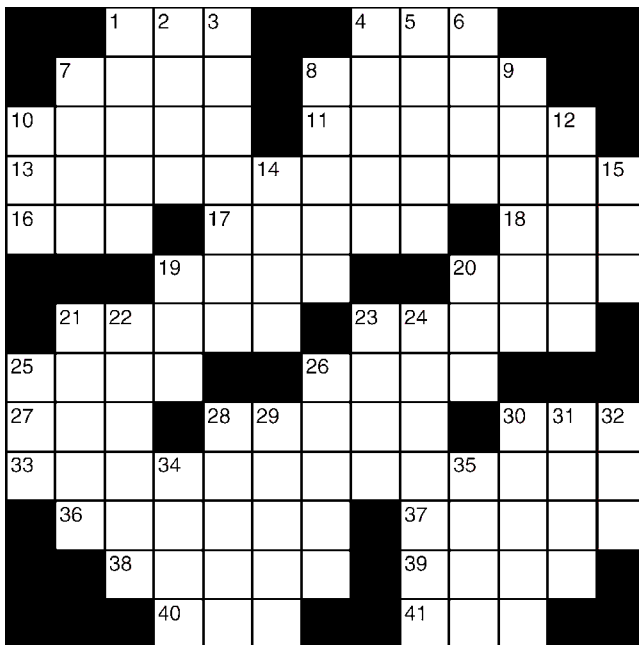
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4 Suntan lotion abbr.
7 Earth
8 Wall art
10 Rock
11 Egyptian under-world god
13 "Monopoly" property
16 High points
17 Glover or DeVito
18 Yea canceler
19 His and —
20 "— Only Just Begun"
21 Battle reminders
23 Hotel accommodation
25 Laugh-a-minute
26 King —
27 Blunder
28 Biscotti flavoring
30 Korean automaker
33 Jeff Dunham or Terry Fator
36 Impulse carrier
37 Excessive
38 Speedy horses
39 Tosses in
40 "Science Guy" Bill
41 Actress Myrna

Down

- 1 Crazy birds
2 "— She Sweet?"
3 Bartender's need
4 Soap star Lucci
5 — to (in on)
6 Bus rider's pay
7 Dance lesson
8 Early periods
9 Common finch
10 "Law & Order: —"
12 Debonair
14 Galley lineup
15 22-Down's location
19 Chapeau
20 Puke
21 Temptress
22 Pupil's coat
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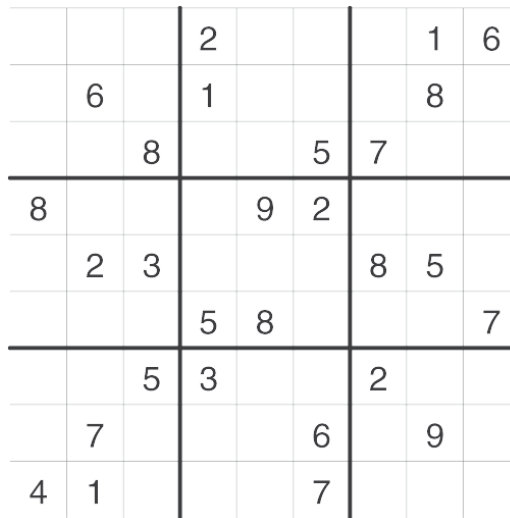


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Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Those who think you lack imagination will be forced to think again.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 There may be something you're desperate to say. If you're smart, you will hold off for a few more days.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 As usual, you are ahead of your time. As usual others will struggle to keep up. Roll with it.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 Your latest idea may be brilliant but how are you going to make it pay? Give it some thought today.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 No matter how set in your ways you may be, you will do something out of character today.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Your ego is a bit fragile. That will change dramatically in 48 hours.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what you want to do but you don't know if you have what it takes to make a success of it.

You won't know 'till you try.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You need to get out of the mental rut you've somehow become stuck in.

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♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21

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♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You can do no wrong at the moment, so feel free to take risks.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Because you're so quick to spot new trends, so look for ways to make your insight pay off.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20.

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